

**Know Your Church
Study Questions**

1. What is the name of the first A.M.E. Church? **Mother Bethel**
2. What Episcopal District do you live in? **5th**
3. In what year was the A.M.E. Church founded **1787 (Free African Society)**
4. Who is the 5th Episcopal District YPD Director **Richelle Fry-Skinner**
5. What re the YPD Colors? **Green, Black & White**
6. Where was the A.M.E. Church started? **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
7. Where is Morris Brown College? **Atlanta, Georgia**
8. Who was the first active Bishop of the A.M.E. Church? **Bishop Richard Allen**
9. What is the mother body of the YPD? **Women's Missionary Society**
10. What division of the A.M.E. Church was organized on its 150th birthday? **RAYAC**
11. When was the YPD organized? **October 1915**
12. How often are class leaders appointed? **Annually**
13. From what conference is the 5th Episcopal District YPD Director? **Desert Mountain**
14. What two historical documents form the basis for what A.M.E.'s believe?
The Articles of Religion **The Apostle's Creed**
15. What is the motto of the A.M.E. Church? **God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer,
Man Our Brother** *Newly Revised: **The Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind
Our Family**
16. How many active Bishops do we have? **21 (20 Districts 1 Ecumenical Bishop)**
17. What term in the name of our church refers to the form of government under which church operates? **Episcopal**
18. What church organization trains the church membership? **Lay Organization**
19. What is the smallest number of stewards that a church can have? **3**
20. Name the two orders of the ministry? **Deacon and Elder**
21. What are the two chief officers of the Connectional organization?
CFO – Richard Lewis **CIO – Rev. Clement Fuge**
22. Name the four Bishops that were elected in 2000?
**(Richard Franklin Norris, Veshti Murphy McKenzie, Gregory Gerald McKinley
Ingram & Preston Wallen Williams II**
23. When is Richard Allen's birthday? **February 14th**

24. How many Bishops have been elected in the A.M.E. Church? **130**
25. What was the first A.M.E. building used for worship and what year was it purchased? **Blacksmith shop in Philadelphia in 1793**
26. What do the letters A.M.E. stand for? **African Methodist Episcopal**
27. What year was the 1st General Conference of the A.M.E. Church held? **1816**
28. What church organization trains you for Practical Christian Living?
Allen Christian Fellowship (ACF)
29. How old does a Y.P.D. member have to be in order to vote? **13-26**
30. Name the four levels of the Connectional Y.P.D.
Episcopal / Conference / Area / Local
31. Name two sacraments of the A.M.E. Church. **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**
32. What do we call the convention that is held every four years by the Connectional Women's Missionary Society and the Connectional Y.P.D.?
Quadrennial Convention
33. What is the sacrament that we partake that is a symbol of Christ's suffering and death to us? **The Lord's Supper**
34. Who presides over each Episcopal district? **Bishop**
35. What is observed by the A.M.E. Church on the 2nd Sunday in February?
Founder's Day
36. What conference does a pastor have the authority to call? **Church Conference**
37. In the A.M.E. church, who gives the Bishops their authority? **General Conference**
38. How many colleges and seminaries does the A.M.E. Connectional Church have?
20
39. What do we call an ordained preacher who retires from the active ministry because of age or disability? **Superannuated Preacher**
40. Who is the spiritual head of the Christian Church? **Jesus Christ**
41. When was the Connectional Missionary Department of the A.M.E. Church established? **1818**
42. What is the Supreme Court of the A.M.E. Church when the General Conference is not in session? **The Judicial Council**
43. What organization provides leadership opportunities for the Lay members of the A.M.E. Church? **Lay Organization**
44. What is the supreme legislative body of the A.M.E. Church? **General Conference**
45. Who appoints the Presiding Elder? **Bishop**
46. What do we call the statement of what we believe? **Apostles Creed**

47. What is the name of the connectional newspaper? **The Christian Recorder**
48. Who was the slave that was sold to William Chew in 1767? **Richard Allen**
49. What is the meeting called when all the bishops of the church meet together to make their annual reports and administrative affairs of the AMEC as authorized by the General Conference. **The Bishop's Council**
50. How did Richard Allen come into possession of his freedom? **He bought it.**
51. What do we call the group of the Annual Conferences that work together in an administrative unit superintendent by one Bishop? **Episcopal Districts**
52. What is the chief administrative connectional organization of the A.M.E. Church? **The General Board**
53. Who was the first person to be ordained deacon and elder in the Methodist Church? **Richard Allen**
54. What is the basic unit of the connectional church? **Annual Conference**
55. How often does Annual Conference meet? **Once a year**
56. What do we call an assembly that is called by the Presiding Elder and consist of pastors of local churches and their delegates? **District Conference**
57. Who was the first person to succeed in organizing and leading Blacks in a program of self-help? **Richard Allen**
58. What was the first school of higher education that was established by the A.M.E. Church? **Wilberforce University**
59. Who is the Y.P.D. Director of the Midwest Annual Conference? **Mrs. Gail McClenton**
60. What was the first black organization to own a piece of real estate in America? **A.M.E. Church**
61. Who is the Y.P.D. President of the Midwest Annual Conference? **Corey Welch**
62. Who dedicated the 1st A.M.E. Church? **Bishop Francis Asbury**
63. Where was the 1st piece of real estate that was owned by the Blacks located? **6th and Lombard Streets**
64. Who made you? **God**
65. Who is the 5th Episcopal District Missionary Supervisor? **Mrs. Mary Kirkland**
66. What Y.P.D. color stands for Hope and Growth in the Christian Life? **Green**
67. What is the age category for the Young Adult Division of the Y.P.D.? **18-26**
68. Who is the presiding officer of the Lay Organization? **President**
69. Where did God place Adam and Eve? **In the Garden of Eden**

70. What year was the first General conference? **1816**
71. In what book may the doctrine and usage of the A.M.E. Church be found?
A.M.E. Discipline
72. How many Episcopal Districts do we have in Africa? **Six (14,15,17, 18,19,20)**
73. Of what did God make man? **Of the dust of the ground**
74. During what assemblage is a Bishop elected? **General Conference**
75. What does the “M” in A.M.E. stand for? **Methodist**
76. What three states make up the Midwest Conference? **KS/NE/MO**
77. How many Articles of Religion do we have in the A.M.E. Church? **25**
78. How many areas make up the Midwest Conference? **8**
79. Where is Richard Allen’s body? **Allen Museum; Philadelphia, Pa.**
80. What is the America’s oldest black newspaper? **The Christian Recorder**
81. Who is the founder of Wilberforce University? **Bishop Daniel A. Payne**
82. What was the first black institution to become concerned enough about our African brothers to go over and help them? **A.M.E. Church**
83. Who is the Dean of Jackson Theological Seminary? **Rev. C. V. Boyd, Sr.**
84. Repeat the Missionary Benediction.
In the name of the Triune God, May the spirit of Christian mission enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.
85. What is the Y.P.D. Theme Song? **Gotta Go Forward**
86. Who are the Presiding Elders of the Midwest Conference? **Rev. Steve Cousin & Rev. Donna Roberson**
87. What is the official book of the A.M.E. Church? **The Discipline**
88. What church organization confirms the stewards of the church? **Quarterly Conference**
89. What is the Y.P.D. motto? **Grow, Glow and Go for Christ**
90. What is the age level of the Sunbeams? **Ages 2-6**
91. Who was the first person ordained deacon and elder in Protestant Christianity?
Richard Allen
92. How long did Richard Allen serve as senior bishop? **15 years**

93. What was the first black Institution to enter the publishing business? **AMEC**
94. What is the true church? **A congregation of faithful worshippers in which the pure word of God is preached, and the sacraments duly administered.**
95. Has God given any special law to man? **Yes, The Ten Commandments**
96. To whom were the Ten Commandments given? **Moses on Mt. Sinai**
97. What do we call the smaller units that the Episcopal districts are broken into?
Presiding Elder Districts
98. What was Richard Allen's wife's name? **Sarah Allen**
99. What was Sarah's maiden name? **Bass**
100. Where was Sarah Allen born? **Isle of Wright County, Virginia**
101. What year was Sarah Allen born? **1764**
102. How many children did Richard and Sarah Allen have? **Six (6) four boys and two girls**
103. Who was the first Missionary in the A. M. E. Church? **Sarah Allen**
104. Who is the President of Shorter College? **Dr. Cora McHenry**
105. What officers have the right to mortgage church property? **Trustees**
106. Where is the A. M.E. Publishing House? **Nashville, Tennessee**
107. Where do we find the Ten Commandments? **Exodus 12**
108. What organization in the church is to manage church property such as building upkeep, payment of utilities, insurance and etc.? **Trustees**
109. How many conferences do we have in the 5th District? **6**
110. Who is the Y.P.D. President of the Midwest Conference? **Corey Welch**
111. Who is the Midwest Conference WMS President? **Thelma Cunningham**
112. Repeat the Apostle's Creed. **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The Third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and Life everlasting. Amen.**